



**REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

- CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE ROLL at 10:02 AM. Refer to sign in sheet for attendance.
- MINUTES of September 2012 approved by consensus.

- SUBCOMMITTEE and LIAISON REPORTS

Action Team Updates - Team Leaders / Steering Liaisons

1. *Data Governance and HAWK*- Mielle Schwartz, Holly Younghans. The HAWK action group is revising dates in the HMIS action plans and is working with DGC and RTFH on the evaluation of the data warehouse. The Steering Committee requested that RTFH as the HMIS lead develop a plan for completing the PITC survey with 15% of sheltered clines. RTFH agreed to develop a general plan for this activity.
2. *HMIS – PITC – AHAR* – Dolores Diaz – Dania Brett, formerly with the United Way, has been hired to coordinate the Point in time Count (PITC / We All Count). This year HUD requires a count on unaccompanied youth. Dania will provide information / instructions to complete the youth count. Presently, the plan includes youth being used as enumerators linking them with WIA funded organizations; and youth service organizations being used as survey takers for youth. For the PITC to be successful, RTFH is asking for 10-20 volunteers from each HUD-funded agency. Deployment centers are also needed. The unsheltered count is scheduled for January 25, 2013 with the sheltered count happening the night before (24th). Imelda Mc Clendon will be working with agencies on the sheltered count. A “We All Count” recruitment and information flier will be distributed electronically.

The first complete draft for the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) is due on November 15th. Progress is being made and we anticipate meeting that deadline.

The RTFH has also advised the RCCC Steering group that Sherry Patheal, formerly with the Institute for Public Health (IPH) at San Diego State University (SDSU) is helping to expand the in-house capacity of the RTFH.

Please welcome both Dania and Sherry in their new positions.

3. *Housing and Services* – Dave Siegler – The Housing and Services Action group is finalizing several items from their work plan. They are working on a list of accomplishments, looking at employment services that could result from partnering with other organizations like SD Workforce Partnership and SD Mental Health Services. On the housing side, the group is connecting with 2-1-1 and has drafted a housing inventory. RCCC members also suggested that the committee connect with the Housing Opportunities Collaborative, and Housing Authorities for their housing lists to assure that the list of affordable housing is comprehensive.

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4. Governance and Administration – Lila Fetherolf – HEARTH is clearly emphasizing plans and planning and development of a governance manual. The Committee is gathering information to learn what the administrative responsibilities are and how they are managed currently.
5. Plan and Planning – Laura Mustari and Jayne Reinhardt - A presentation about Transition-Age Youth (TAY) and housing goals for this group is planned. The National Alliance for Educating Children and Youth (NAECY) is working in San Diego to gather and reconcile data about TAY. Some RCCC members responded to a survey distributed earlier in the month. NAECY is now collaborating with community leaders on the effort. More to come.
6. A final draft of the plan for working with the HUD Technical Assistance providers, ICFI Internationals and Abt Associates, for our year-long technical assistance support that will begin in late January. There are five areas of assistance allowed by HUD and we will be utilizing all five areas. HUD TA providers are not allowed to work with CoCs during the NOFA competition, so we are hoping to get some basic information before the NOFA is released so that we can work locally during the ‘dark’ period to gather information and begin analysis.
7. Homelessness Working Group – Anahid Brakke; Mike Mc Connell - On November 28th, San Diego Grantmakers Homelessness Working Group is sponsoring a community session looking at issues such as leadership in systems change and data integration. Where are we headed in the HEARTH changes? RCCC members should watch for an invitation and are encouraged to participate.
8. Capacity Building – The Steering Committee continues to seek support for building the capacity of the RCCC to respond to the changing demands of the community.
9. Support Services for Veteran Families Competition – The SSVF competition has been announced. This year, the amount of available funds has increased on the national level. The CoC needs to complete a rating and review process of applications and select a priority project as part of the competition. This is similar to the requirements of the State ESG. The RCCC approved a request to grant permission for the Steering Committee to develop and implement with the Rating and Review group a process for the SSVF application process. *Action: Approved by consensus with 2 abstaining.*

Subgroup and Liaison Reports

Legislative Liaison – Distributed electronically – copies available at the meeting.

Federal report - Congress is in recess. Sequestration: aka, across-the-board funding cuts mandated by the Budget Control Act of 2011, is scheduled to go into effect on January 2, 2013. This would include HUD programs. At this point VASH is secure but affordable

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housing and homelessness assistance programs are not. Please see the written report for more details.

State:

- There is a measure on the ballot in Berkeley, CA banning people from sitting or lying on commercial sidewalks between 7 a.m. and 10 pm. A similar measure is in effect in Clearwater, FL. In Newport Beach, library patrons who smell or who sleep in the public library or park their carts near the library entrance are banned from using the library.
- Alan Greenlee is the new executive director of the Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing (SCANPH).
- The ACLU has filed a federal lawsuit accusing the Veterans Affairs Department of dereliction of duty for failing to build a single bed for homeless disabled veterans on a 400 acre site in Los Angeles which currently houses a hospital and outpatient services; plans to construct a 65 bed facility.
- Governor Brown signed six of the eight housing finance measures supported by Housing California. None of them directly affects homelessness; most related to financing affordable housing developments, one of the solutions to homelessness. Housing California will proceed with the 2013 California Homes and Jobs Act which would create 29,000 jobs annually and generate millions in additional state and local revenue. It would help California leverage an additional \$2.78 billion in federal, local and private funding, and stimulate the production of new affordable housing units statewide.
- The San Diego City Council has unanimously approved reduced parking requirements at new and existing affordable housing developments in the city. This approval will help increase the availability of affordable housing and reduce development costs. It was based on a comprehensive study of parking lot utilization at existing projects.
- The San Diego City Council voted to set aside \$1.3 million in future CDBG funding to guarantee funding of the Neil Good Day Center, Connections Housing, the Veterans Winter Shelter, and the YWCA operated Cortez Hill Family Shelter.
 - Manual Committee – Noelle Kester – The committee continues to work on updates and transitioning the new members' handbook to become a governance manual.
 - Project Homeless Connect – Laurin Pause / Rosemary Johnston – two PHC projects are planned for Nov. 14th. One in the north Coastal area will use buses to transport participants to and from the Del Mar Fairgrounds which is the PHC site. An array of services will be offered, the DMV will be available to assist with identification. The other PHC on November 14th is in Chula Vista at Community Center Parkway. This site will offer assistance with health and legal

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issues, service referrals, etc. Volunteers are still needed for both events. Contact Community Resource Center for the North County event; and the City of Chula Vista for the South Bay event.

The central San Diego Project Homeless Connect is planned for January 30, 2013. The event is using automated systems on-line for registration. See the SDHC organizational website for more information.

- Rating and Review – Larissa Tabin, Holly Younghans – The Committee has updated the forms and scoring as soon as the 2012 NOFA is released. Potential applicants, and renewal projects are advised that the work of the NOFA is very likely to overlap the November-December holidays. Advance planning is advised.
 - Alliance for Regional Solutions- Laurin Pause – Steering Committee elections are being held. The next meeting is November 8th. The current plan is to open the North County winter shelter on December 1st.
 - Keys to Housing – Dolores Diaz – A first annual report and letter updating progress on Keys to Housing is being prepared and submitted to the Homelessness Working Group and the Todd Gloria, Chair of the Keys Advisory Board of Elected Officials. Presentations have been made to nearly all jurisdictions and should be complete in early December.
 - MHSA – Tricia Tasto Levien – 16 Permanent Supportive Housing units at the Mason opened in October. This is a Housing Development Partners project and the 4th project from MHSA.
 - Downtown Leadership – Phase 2 of the Ending Homelessness Downtown (aka vulnerability index project) will focus on persons impacted by alcohol and other drugs, veterans, or have mental health challenges. VASH vouchers, 25 from county and 75 vouchers from the SD Housing Commission, are being dedicated to this phase of the project.
 - SD Housing Federation – Jon Derryberry – RCCC members were encouraged to become familiar with SB1220, the Homes and Jobs Act. Information about this effort is included in the Legislative report for October. Advocates are urging that there be a new formula for allocating homeless funds that could positively impact San Diego.
- STEERING GROUP Report
 - AB109 Homeless Housing Pilot Project – At a public meeting in October the Community Corrections Partnership Board approved a \$2.1 million AB109 housing pilot project for persons who are homeless. The concept is to leverage the existing homeless services system to extend the potential length of stay or to enhance services. This action follows the presentation by Dr. Natalie Pearl last January, a presentation to the CCP in February, and the visit from HHSA and Probation (Nick Macchione, Susan Bower, etc) last May. Agencies interested in participating should see the county Probation website and watch for more information.
 - State ESG Awards- Round 2 of the State Emergency Solutions Grant Awards was announced. There were 26 projects awarded in the State, three of the

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awards were made to projects in the San Diego region, including rapid re-housing / prevention. Congratulations to Community Resource Center.

The last section of the agenda focused on the 2012 HUD CoC competition, as a result, members who were not interested in the details of the competition were excused at their own discretion.

2012 HUD Competition Notices – Handouts

HUD has begun to respond to some of our requests for clarification of the HEARTH interim rules. Two summary ‘cross-walk’ documents were distributed as guides.

- Operating Costs Changes – *Action Item* - Response needed – HUD has responded to part of our HUD HRE request for clarification about operating costs under HEARTH. All CoC (formerly SHP) renewal projects with an operating cost line item are advised to review the 2011 – 2012 crosswalk guide, and to submit any changes in operating costs budgets on the form provided. Information is due by the end of the first week in November.
- APR Inconsistencies – HUD has provided instructions regarding the inconsistency in the 2011 Exhibit 2 and the HMIS instructions for completing the 2011-2012 APR. Transitional Housing Renewals will need to report on the full universe, the number of persons served in the project, and only count persons who increased income in their data. This may result in many projects failing to meet their established goal, since the instructions goal setting in Exhibit 2, were to include those exiting TH who either maintained or increased income. HUD instructions allow for an explanation for the failure to meet the goals. Agencies may want to report the data that would meet the original objective in their explanation. Ways to generate an estimate of that number from the APR data will be provided.
- Collaborative Assessment and Coordinated Entry – A major challenge in 2012 is the design and creation of a Coordinated Entry and Collaborative Assessment system. So far, we have recommended that the Collaborative Assessment be designed for each special needs subpopulation (veterans, DV, substance abuse, seriously mentally ill, chronic, CSEC, ex-offenders) rather than trying to develop a ‘one size fits all’ assessment tool. This will require the collective wisdom of many community stakeholders.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER BUSINESS
- CSH is sponsoring a bedbug prevention and remedy training on the morning of November 8th.
- The second annual CSH housing awards event will be held in Sacramento on Nov 14th and will honor San Diego Assemblywoman Toni Atkins. See your email for more information,
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 - Thank you